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In re Application of  
Michael Dittgen, et al.  
Application No. 09/648,858  
Filed: August 25, 2000  
Attorney Docket No. 388A

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 22, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed May 20, 2003, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned at midnight on August 20, 2003.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 1600, Art Unit 1617 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-5594.

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